



ASMC Newsletter . . . Mount Vernon Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By COL Bill Antley

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and have made their resolutions, and started their diet and exercise program. 2004 should prove to be an interesting year – a lot to look forward to.

We had a great time during the Mt. Vernon Christmas Party held at the Fort Belvoir Officer's club. The O'club provided great food and service. Many thanks to Robyn Walick and those who participated in making the event happen.

We're fortunate to have Mr. Al Tucker speak to us during our January luncheon. Not only is he well-certified, he is well-experienced. We're looking forward to his tips on career planning, and the meaning of professional certifications in government and civilian financial and resource management.

We're still looking for a couple of motivated individuals to fill much needed roles on the Chapter Executive Council (CEC). The Chapter needs a Membership Director and a Social and Community Services Director. We all appreciate Arnold Anderson and Connie Harding volunteering their time and talents to serve as co-webmasters. Shortly, we'll start updating the Mt. Vernon website.

Speaking of the CEC, elections for new members will be right around the corner. We'd like to have next year's CEC directors elected prior to the PDI in May.

The Awards and Scholarship director, Terri Jackson, has assembled a committee to review Mt Vernon Chapter scholarship submissions. If you are interested in helping Terri on this committee, please contact her for more information. Remember, many hands make light work.

It's not too early to begin planning to attend the Mt. Vernon Chapter's Professional Development Day in April 2004. Look for information to be sent out in the near future.

Again, Happy New Year to all. I look forward to seeing you at future ASMC events.

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Chapter News

6 November 2003 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

by
Edna Plancon, Secretary

The CEC meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers was called to order at 11:10 by President COL Bill Antley. The meeting was held in the Alexandria Room at the Officer's Club on Fort Belvoir.

The following Officers were in attendance:

COL Bill Antley, President
Meg Dunleavy, Vice President
Edna Plancon, Secretary
Pat Ackerman, Education Director
Deborah McLauren, Publicity & Photography Director
L.Lisa Hughes, Chapter Competition Director
Stacey Royston, Newspaper Director
Robyn Walick, Services Director
Sherry Broussard, Treasurer
John Raines, Program Director

The following officers were excused:

Terri Jackson, Awards & Scholarships

Information on upcoming luncheons:

The November luncheon will be held at Mount Vernon Inn in Alexandria.

Officer's Discussion:

President – Col Antley asked for approval of the October minutes. He also asked if we could order some ASMC coins. Pat – Motion to authorize the purchase of ASMC coins, not to exceed \$350.00. Meg Seconded the motion, motion carried.

COL Antley and Robyn will go over the new membership roster, to make sure all members are on the existing list, so canvass your area to see who is a member, and if they are on the new roster. Col Antley also asks that you bring a copy of the minutes to the CEC meeting, so they can be voted on. Col Antley asked for approval of the October minutes. Meg made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pat. Motion carried. Since Rita resigned as the Services director, Pat motioned to approve Robyn as being the new Services director. Seconded by Sherry – motion carried.

Vice President – Meg - No report

Awards & Scholarship – No Report

Chapter Competition Director – L.Lisa - sent two articles to national. Since John often gives speeches on ASMC, L Lisa asked John to send copies of his speeches to her. Any thing to do with ASMC, this gets us points toward our five star chapter. L Lisa needs to get approval to have raffle tickets at the luncheons. She mentioned the annual report is due in April.

Education Director – Pat - contacted Ernie Gregory's office to see if he is available to do ½ day career development at the PDD in April, she has not received a response.

Membership Director – Randi/Rose – No Report.

Newsletter Director – Stacey - announced deadline for newsletter articles is the 21st of the month.

Program Director – John - CEC board members will bring gifts to the December luncheon. John is going to call Al Tucker to speak at the January Luncheon. He is also going to get permission to put the log for CPE's on the website.

Publicity and Photography Director – Deborah - sent a calendar to the Eagle, and also to the CEC members.

Secretary – Edna – set up a calendar for November and December. If there is anything you want on the calendar, please let her know.

Copies of the By-Laws and Constitution were sent to National Headquarters, and also to L Lisa for her records.

Services Director – The December luncheon will be held at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club.

Social & Community Services Director – Looking for someone to fill this position.

Treasurer – Sherry issued a check to Marticia to reimburse her for the money she spent on the last PDD. Edna will deliver the check to her.

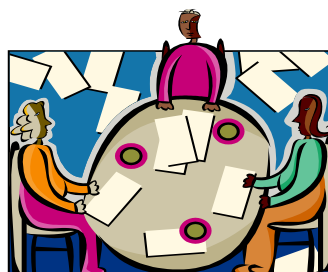
Web Master – Kevin – Looking for someone to fill this position.

New Business – There was no new business to come before the board.

Old Business - Sherry needs to get everything together to give to the auditor, so the books can be audited.

Announcements – Our next CEC Meeting will be held on November 6th, at the Eagle's Espresso on Fort Belvoir. Our December luncheon will be held at the Fort Belvoir's Officer's Club.

Adjournment – Pat Ackerman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Meg Dunleavy. Motion carried.



Chapter News

JANUARY LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 8 January 2004 at 11:30

SPEAKER: Mr. Alvin Tucker, former Deputy CFO of the Department of Defense

LOCATION: Fort Belvoir North Post Golf Clubhouse

MENU: Buffet, salad and soup bar, rolls, dessert, and soda/coffee/tea/.

COST: Members \$12.00 Non-members \$13.00

Alvin Tucker, CPA, CGFM, CIA, CDFM

Mr. Tucker is a Senior Manager in Grant Thornton's Global Public Sector with over 30 years of financial management and Department of Defense (DoD) experience. During his government career he served as Deputy CFO for the Department of Defense, where he managed business process reengineering, planned consolidations of defense activities, and developed accounting policies. As the Deputy CFO he advised the Comptroller and Secretary of Defense on the full range of financial management issues related to internal controls, financial reports, and compliance with Federal standards. He was a charter member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), and an active member of the CFO Council. In addition, Mr. Tucker has also managed audits and investigations of financial programs while serving as Deputy Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit in DoD. He also analyzed and recommended changes to Defense budgets while serving as a budget analyst on the staff of the DoD Comptroller.

Currently, he advises Grant Thornton clients on a wide range of federal financial management issues, and is a member of the ASMC Commission for the CDFM designation.

Education

B.S., Accounting, University of Maryland

Certifications

Certified Public Accountant, Maryland
 Certified Government Financial Manager
 Certified Internal Auditor
 Certified Defense Financial Manager

Affiliations

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
 American Society of Military Comptrollers
 Association of Government Accountants

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 12 February 2004 at 11:30

SPEAKER: Mr. Stephen Ramp of OSD Personnel and Readiness will speak on the New Defense Personnel System. Come see how the changes will impact you.

LOCATION: Damon's (Manchester Lakes)

MENU: To be announced

COSTS: To be announced

As always the luncheon speakers are a component of the chapter's "ASMC Professional Development Year" theme and will be credited as CPE for CDFM certification purposes.

Grapevine News



GENERAL INFORMATION

Thanks to the generosity of the people at the Chapter's holiday party, the scholarship fund received \$99 from the raffle in December.

The CEC still has two vacant positions. Anyone interested in the Membership or the Social and Community Services Directors positions please contact COL Bill Antley at (703) 428-4963.

USACE

Congratulations to Edsel Fraley for recently receiving his Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) certification.

Welcome to Kim Diep who recently became a member of the Chapter.

Connie Harding and Arnold Anderson have graciously volunteered to co-chair the Webmaster position. Welcome to the CEC, Connie and Arnold!

INSCOM

Robyn Walick has graciously volunteered to take over as the Service Director. Welcome back to the CEC, Robyn!

National News

PDI 2004

The PDI 2004 will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on June 1- June 4 and will be hosted by the Cleveland chapter with assistance from Buckeye and Aviation chapters. If you have a suggestion for a workshop topic, please contact Jennifer Sizemore by 31 December. Some planning tidbits:

- * A letter will be sent to all chapters in December with details about the Chapter Fair and its theme. Booths will be enlarged from last year, and each chapter will be limited to one.
- * The Health Fair on Tuesday will have an expanded number of exhibitors, to include medical advice and health screening such as glucose, cholesterol, and blood pressure.
- * Sixteen hotels are reserved, with a range in price from \$85 to \$116.
- * Registration will open at the end of February.
- * Early registration for ASMC members will be \$450.
- * The Federal Executive Institute will be providing workshops.
- * Video streaming will be available, as with PDI 2003. Fewer workshops will be filmed, but the sessions will count for Continuing Professional Education Units.

San Diego Chapter Grant Program - Update the notice on page 9 of the recently mailed Armed Forces Comptroller announces the San Diego Chapter Grant Program. Please accept the following changes to the text as you consider whether to apply:

- Due date is 15 December - either emailed or postmarked by that date.
- Electronic submissions without signature are acceptable if emailed by the chapter president or vice president.
- The web page cited in the notice is down for repair. Email CDR Gregory Martin at gregory.martin@navy.mil or call 619-524-7252 with questions regarding this program. If you are mailing an application, please advise CDR Martin by email.

Chapter Award Plaques

In September, we mailed all the chapter award plates to winning chapters. Unfortunately, the plates were created with holes, which are not what we use on the perpetual plaques. New plates will be mailed to all winning chapters in the beginning of December, along with the plaques for chapters waiting on those. Several chapters have queried about missing or lost chapter plaques. If your chapter has misplaced a plaque or plate, or you suspect that your plaque may not be complete, contact Jennifer Sizemore at ASMC HQ

Bulletin Board www.asmconline.org/

The ASMC website has a bulletin board forum to facilitate communication and networking between chapters. We encourage you to use this forum to exchange information, gather input, and announce chapter programs. Please remember that inquiries for ASMC staff members should be sent via e-mail.

Chapter Liability Insurance

All chapters have liability coverage under the national insurance policy, as each chapter pays \$1.00 per member for this policy. A copy of the policy is available on the ASMC website and is updated each year in January. A chapter officer should print the certificate and insure it is on file with your installation.

Award Deadlines Approaching

Several award categories have deadlines that are fast approaching. Please insure that your chapter members have an opportunity to be recognized... submit a nomination! All award forms and rules are available on the ASMC website! Please keep in mind the following deadlines:

Individual & Team Achievement 31 January
Corporate Member of the Year 31 January
Essay Contest 28 February
Members Continuing Education Grants 28 February

NCM Presentations Available On-Line

Workshop presentations from the Mid-Year National Council Meeting held 12-13 November, 2003, are now available in the professional development section of the ASMC website at <http://www.asmconline.org/development>.

Pay-Day Lending

Mr. Roderick Mitchell made a presentation at the Mid-Year National Council Meeting outlining the danger of Pay-Day Lending. He introduced the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation which has been established to provide information and training on personal financial management. We encourage Chapters to gain further information on this subject at <http://www.pentagonfoundation.org/>

Membership Dues Review

Mr. Charlie Cook, USMC Vice President of ASMC, has been appointed as a committee of one to review individual dues structure. He will consider in his report all aspects of dues to include amount of membership dues, multi-year dues, and on-line payment. Please respond to queries and surveys he will initiate.



FORT BELVOIR CREDIT UNION NEWS

News and Promotions:

- **Tax News 2003 Seminar: Jan 8th**
 - Ft. Belvoir Community Club
 - 12 pm to 1 pm
- **Coping with Loss/Reduction of Income: Jan 8th**
 - Andrew T. McNamara Building (DLA)
 - 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- **Holiday Car Sale Dec 1st to Jan 31st**
- **FREE Online Bill Pay !!**
- **FREE Checking with Direct Deposit !!**
- **Immediate availability of deposits !!**
- **Membership Privileges**

* Free Financial Seminars

Fort Belvoir sponsors free financial seminar's every second Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at the Fort Belvoir Community Club from noon to 1 pm and monthly at the Andrew T. McNamara Building (aka: DLA). Please visit our website for dates and information and/or to register today!

* Holiday Car Sale

New & Used Cars as low as 4.90% APY* up to 60 months and receive a \$100 Gas Card when you purchase a new car during the sale!

- Apply online at www.ftbfcu.org
- Call us 24/7 at 877-827-3678 or fax an application to 703-730-1410
- Stop by one of our four branch locations
- Apply online 24/7 and get instant approval (if you qualify) & then go car shopping!
- Log onto www.CarSale.com for more information
- **Special ends January 31, 2004**

*Annual Percentage Yield. Certain restrictions apply. Contact a Member Service Specialist for details.

* Mortgages

Yes! We offer Mortgage Loans in all 50 states. Whether you are buying a home or refinancing your current home, FTBFCU stands ready to assist you with a variety of competitively priced products. Contact FTBFCU's Mortgage Specialist today at (703) 730-1800 ext 5147.

* FREE Online Bill Pay for all!

Take a vacation from writing checks and using stamps. All members can now enjoy worry-free online bill paying for **FREE!** Relax and be assured that your bills are paid on time-when you decide. You're in complete control of your finances with Fort Belvoir Online Bill Pay (BOB). Log onto www.ftbfcu.org to experience Online Bill Pay for **FREE!**

* Immediate availability of deposits

Deposits made at the ATM located near the main entrance of the Andrew T. McNamara Building by members of the Fort Belvoir Federal Credit Union are immediately available. Everyone working in the Andrew T. McNamara Building is eligible for membership with the Credit Union. This is currently the only ATM that offers immediate credit to deposits made. If you are not currently a member, but would like to take advantage of this service, please visit the Credit Union Branch in Room 1401. Branch hours are 8:00 am to 12:45 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

* FREE Checking with Direct Deposit

Are you looking for more options when it comes to your checking account? We've created a **FREE** checking account to suit your lifestyle. Convenience Checking with Direct Deposit offers **FREE** Checking with a complimentary box of checks. It also features no minimum to open, no monthly fees, free overdraft protection, free Bill Pay, and a 25 percent discount on new or used car loans. Plus, you get "Anytime- Anywhere" access to your account with BelTel and BOB! The **ONLY** requirement for Convenience Checking is that you have direct deposit. Come see how easy banking really is! Open a **FREE** Checking account today.

* Membership Privileges

As a member of a credit union, you become a part owner of an institution that is unique in the financial world. Credit unions exist solely for the purpose of meeting the financial needs of their members. To that end, credit unions not only provide outstanding personal service, but members often earn higher returns on their savings while paying lower rates for loans.

For additional information, please contact:

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The Defense Acquisition University – An Available Resource for Many Purposes

Financial Management includes more emphasis on acquisition

Dr. Zakheim, OUSD (Comptroller) directed a restructure of financial management to include more emphasis on acquisition skills and knowledge in comptroller training and certification programs. Of the 18,000 financial management professionals approximately 4,000 are currently acquisition certified or in the process of certification. Many want information about the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), courses available and the acquisition certification program. This article will better acquaint you with DAU, information and resources available to you, the acquisition certification program and getting into courses.

The Defense Acquisition University

DAU's mission is to provide practitioners with training products and services to enable Acquisition Technology and Logistics (AT&L) workforce to make smart business decisions resulting in timely delivery and affordable capabilities to war fighter. It's a corporate university and as our vision statement says, "A premier corporate university serving DoD AT&L" by facilitating lifelong learning, job critical skills and value added contributions for our customers.

DAWIA and certification training

The Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) in 1991 set forth legislation to establish a national standard of competence within acquisition workforce, currently 132,000 strong. This resulted in training tracks of various functions associated with acquisition and created requirements to achieve one to three certification levels of knowledge, experience and credentials. Functional practitioners serve on committees for period of time, and determine performance outcomes or competencies that DAU creates curricula to support and achieve the competencies. Dr. Nancy Spruill, Director, Acquisition Resource and Analysis Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, AT&L is the Functional Advisor for the Business, Cost Estimating, Financial Management (BCEFM) career training track. She also serves on the ASMC Certification Commission, the policy board which oversees the Certified Defense Financial Manager Program. There are other acquisition career fields closely related to financial management such as Auditing where someone with the motivation can leverage current knowledge and experience to expand career horizons by cross certifying to a related acquisition field. For example, for BCEFM workforce is composed of specialty subgroups from GS505, 560, 1515, 345, 510. Level I training certification in BCEFM require three training courses and all could be from web based distance learning training. Waivers and equivalents are addressed in the certification process allowing someone with requisite knowledge from similar courses and experience related to acquisition to count toward acquisition certification. DAWIA certification includes time requirements for experience. For level 1 BCEFM its one year experience perhaps as a budget analyst working RDT&E or procurement appropriations. But DAU is not just about certification and not for acquisition only.

DAU provides free access to financial management information in various ways:

The Continuous Learning Web site provides a single portal for easy access and features more than 70 continuous learning modules – several appropriate for continuous learning credit for financial management. The site was populated by

collecting modules from all over DoD and industry as well as by creating new modules. One popular module as an example is the DoD Gov Purchase Card Tutorial. You can access the continuous learning website directly at <http://clc.dau.mil>

Additionally, DAU is embellishing the Knowledge Sharing System by creating Communities of Practice (CoPs). You can access this information directly at <http://acc.dau.mil>. These are active and growing communities sharing information and links to resources such as Army Knowledge links and Clinger-Cohen Act Implementation. Other types of regulations and links include Glossaries; Guidebooks and handbooks; Ask a Professor and Frequently Asked Questions; Special Interest Areas and Topics. The BCEFM website soon to be migrated to the Knowledge Sharing System is currently available at http://center.dau.mil/Topical_Sessions_templates/FM_Main/template.htm.

DAU has entered into Strategic Partnerships with numerous Universities for the purpose of advancing educational opportunities. What this means is certain training providers offer courses that have been certified as equivalent to DAU training curricula and meet DAWIA requirements as well as the reverse – DAU courses count toward college or graduate level credit. Some examples of local universities are UMUC; Strayer University; GWU; and GMU but the list extensive and to determine if your school has such partnership and associated course credits hours go to the DAU web site at www.dau.mil. Additionally, in DAU online catalog a list of equivalent courses with DoD training providers such as AFIT; ALMC; NPG; Army command and Staff is available.

Other sources of information available at DAU are Publications and the online Library. The DAU website offers free publications and materials. You can order online such materials as GAO reports, periodicals, Program Manager Magazine, e-books on all topics including FM.

The Catalog is probably a first stop for learning more about DAU, career certification training, course descriptions, equivalents, all campuses and locations. On line is maintained regularly and provides an up to date schedule.

Getting into classes

The DAU catalog provides detailed instructions for registering for a class. Distance Learning courses are easier to get in because literally thousands of students are going through often at their own pace. Most DAU online courses are open for 60 days – the clock starts when you're enrolled into the course. Most DAU courses require 100% mastery with three attempts at tests. In class may be a little more tricky to enroll but persistence pays off. 45 days before an in class course begins any unreserved seats are opened. We prefer to fill courses but invariably not every course is full. If there is a course of particular interest keep applying. You'll need to apply through the appropriate ATRRS training site for your organization. If there is travel involved your own organization will probably be required to fund.

Future initiatives

DAU and ASMC are working toward a strategic partnership for the purpose of advancing educational opportunities between our communities. BCEFM certification and the CDFM are being considered for ways to grant equivalency. As details are being worked out why not tap into the Defense Acquisition University. Its an available resource for many purposes.

CERTIFIED DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGER (CDFM) PAGE

CDFM LUNCHEON TRIVIA

Start studying now because the CDFM Luncheon Trivia will begin again in February. Each CDFM Luncheon Trivia will have five questions related to the CDFM exams. To win bring a copy of the Newsletter with the correct answers to all five questions written down on it. Ties will be broken by drawing numbers, the person with the number closest to one wins. A prize will be given to the winner.

1. ASMC, Mount Vernon Chapter congratulates all who have passed the three CDFM exams.

Patricia Claire Ackerman
Billy Winston Antley
Santosh Arora
Marticia Dawn Banks-Booker
Christine S. Bossard
William Michael Culbreth
David Michael Elliott
Hyunjoo B Fleming
Debra Joives Flowers
Edsel B Fraley
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Deborah D Heller
Richard L Hurley
Jill Frosthalm Karayannis
David A Knowlton
Joanne Lewis Langhorne
Jeffrey Alan Leader
Melvin Charles Merritt
Joseph Anthony Poleo
Linda Kay Poleo
Sharon Osborne Richardson
Loretta Mary Risner
Stacey E Royston
Jacquelyn Maria Santullo
Albert J Starnes *
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If you are looking for information on how to obtain your CDFM please visit <http://www.asmc certification.com/>

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